



HAMPTON HOLIDAY EVENTS »

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COLISEUM CENTRAL HOLIDAY PARADE Saturday, Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m., Peninsula Town Center. Kick off the holiday season with this festive parade. Enjoy marching bands, floats, helium balloons and an appearance by Santa Claus. Free.

PHOEBUS ILLUMINATION Friday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m., Mellen Street, Phoebus. Tree lighting will be at 8 p.m. Outdoor holiday celebration featuring handmade arts and crafts, live music, tree lighting and Santa. Free.

HOLIDAY KWANZAA MARKETPLACE Friday, Dec. 1-Saturday, Dec. 2, times vary, Hampton University Museum. Purchase your holiday and Kwanzaa gifts from the museum shops, local vendors, and enjoy craft activities, live music, refreshments and more. Free.

LIGHTWIRE THEATER: A VERY ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS Saturday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m., The American Theatre. Audiences of all ages will be captivated by the dazzling visuals and unique menagerie of characters that magically appear out of the darkness. \$35-\$45.

HAMPTON HOLLY DAYS: LIGHTED BOAT PARADE Friday, Dec. 8, 6-9p.m., Downtown Hampton Waterfront. Music by Little Doors. Parade begins at 7 p.m. Award presentation at stage and bedtime story with Santa in the Crowne Plaza Marina Hotel Lobby follow. Cruise with Santa aboard the Ocean Eagle. For reservations, 757-722-9102. Free with unwrapped donation to Toys for Tots. Food and beverages available for purchase.

HAMPTON HOLLY DAYS: HOLIDAY MARKET Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 A.M.-4 p.m., Hampton History Museum. Unique gifts by local artists, heirloom ornament making and children's activities. New this year, Selfies with Santa at the Hampton Carousel, 1-6 p.m. Snap a photo with Santa and ride the carousel for \$1.

HAMPTON HOLLY DAYS: HOLIDAY LIFT OFF Saturday, Dec. 9, 7-9 p.m., Downtown Hampton. Celebrate the holidays in Hampton at the Peninsula's largest illuminated parade. Enjoy lighted floats, high school bands, drill teams and Santa Claus. Free.

MISTLETOE HOLIDAY HOMES TOUR Saturday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Fort Monroe. This walking tour will feature five historic homes dressed up for the holidays highlighting a variety of architectural styles. Tickets required. \$20.

MISTLETOE CONCERT FEATURING THE HAMPTON ROADS PHILHARMONIC Saturday, Dec. 9, 4 p.m., Fort Monroe Theatre. Shake off some winter gloom with seasonal favorites. Free.

A DARLENE LOVE CHRISTMAS – LOVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS Saturday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m., The American Theatre. The Rock & Roll Hall of fame inductee will bring holiday cheer to The American Theatre with songs that span her career. \$50-\$60.

HAMPTON ROADS PHILHARMONIC – WINTER CLASSICS & HOLIDAY FAVORITES Sunday, Dec. 10, 2:30 p.m., The American Theatre. Join the Hampton Roads Philharmonic for a winter-themed classical program with a pop twist. \$20.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DOWNTOWN HAMPTON BLOCK PARTY Sunday, Dec. 31, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Queens Way, Downtown Hampton. Bring in the New Year with friends during a special block party. Dine at one of the 17 restaurants in downtown, dance to the sounds of DJ Taylor Haycox and watch the oversized crab pot drop at midnight. Free.

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